



Plein Air Pastel Sketching

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with Julia Crownover

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Welcome to Pastel Sketching at Ghost Ranch

Dear Friends,

I'm so glad you'll be joining me for this class at beautiful Ghost Ranch! Together we'll explore the art of pastel sketching on location – capturing the ever-changing light, color, and spirit of this extraordinary landscape.

We'll begin each piece with a loose watercolor underpainting, allowing washes of color to establish value and mood. From there, we'll build with pastel pencil and soft pastel, layering texture, light, and expressive marks to bring your sketches to life.

Throughout our time together, I'll offer demonstrations, individual guidance, and encouragement as you develop confidence in your process. Whether you're new to pastels or have been painting for years, this class is about discovering joy in seeing and creating.



Please bring your curiosity, a willingness to play, and a sense of wonder for this special place. I can't wait to paint alongside you!

Warmly,
Juliana Crownover
Artist & Instructor

Painting schedule:

We will paint from 9-noon and again from 7:00-8:30 pm every day. The class room will be open in between class time. Everyday we will go out, some of our class time will be spent working on prepping to make Plein air more successful.

Supply List - Painting Materials

- Set of watercolors – pans preferred
- A couple of brushes – not fancy ones (we'll use sanded paper)
- UArt sanded paper, 400 grit – at least 15 sheets, size 5" x 7"
- Set of pastel pencils and a sharpener
- set of soft pastels (use what you have)
- Small box or container to carry a selection of pastels into the field
- Support & Setup
- Support board (to tape or clip your paper to)
- Artist tape or clips
- Sketchbook
- Pad of tracing paper – for transferring finished art
- Water jar – an old peanut butter jar works great

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- Optional Items
- Apron
- Umbrella
- Sun hat